

Reference AE is a prior art reference known to the Applicants. Included with this reference is an English Abstract. Accordingly, no

further commentary concerning its teachings is believed to be necessary.

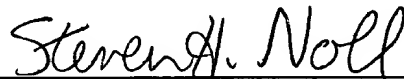
Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 and the European Search Report are submitted herewith.

5 The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the present application, and is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1) and no fee is necessary.

10 The above citation of prior art is not a representation that such art constitutes a complete or exhaustive listing of all pertinent prior art, nor that it necessarily includes the closest or most relevant art. The aforementioned citation comprises a voluntary citation of prior art of which Applicants are presently aware and is not intended to serve as a substitute for the Examiner's own search.

Respectfully submitted,

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